

**MINUTES**  
**WILLIAMSTOWN BOARD OF SELECTMEN**  
**February 8, 2010**  
**7:00 P.M.**

**Present:** Tom Costley, Chairman, Jane B. Allen, David A. Rempell, Thomas E. Sheldon

**Absent:** Ronald Turbin

**Others Present:** Sean Derby-Kilfoyle, Eli Coniglio, Robert Jones, Tim Kaiser, Blake Martin  
Peter Fohlin, Kathy Poirot

- 1. CHAIRMAN'S OPENING STATEMENT:** Mr. Costley recognized Mt. Greylock Regional High School Seniors Sean Derby-Kilfoyle and Eli Coniglio for their quick thinking and helping wrestling teammate Nicholas Morey after his vehicle went off the road into Hemlock Brook in December 2009.
- 2. SELECTMEN'S MINUTES:** January 25, 2010 – Mr. Rempell moved to approve the January 25, 2010 minutes. Mr. Sheldon seconded and the motion carried with abstentions by Ms. Allen and Mr. Costley.
- 3. ITEMS FOR SELECTMEN'S CONSIDERATION:**
  - A.** Brian Turton resignation from Conservation Commission – Ms. Allen moved to accept Mr. Turton's resignation with regret. Mr. Rempell seconded and the motion carried unanimously.
  - B.** Confirmation of Town Manager's Appointment to Conservation Commission- Robert E. Muir Jr. – Mr. Rempell moved to confirm the Town Manager's appointment of Robert E. Muir, Jr. to the Conservation Commission. Ms. Allen seconded and the motion carried unanimously.
  - C.** Well #1 – DPW Director Tim Kaiser and Blake Martin of Weston & Sampson, assisted with a power point slide show, updated the Board on a new well being dug off Stetson Road. They explained the effort to seal leaks around the test well. The leaking appears to be the result of a rupture along the well casing extending through the clay soils at the site. The artesian condition at the site is forcing the groundwater to flow through the ruptures, eroding fine grained soils. Mr. Martin said if the condition is not corrected and the water continues to flow to the surface, the town could lose the well field. Mr. Kaiser said Well #2, one of the wells currently providing water to the town is not in jeopardy. Mr. Kaiser said in working with Mr. Blake and Helical Drilling, steps are being taken to seal the leaks and prevent water from leaching out of the surface. Mr. Martin said they are confident they can seal the leak. Funds for the project were approved by Town Meeting in 2009. It is estimated that there will be an additional cost of \$88,000 for the additional sealing work.
  - D.** 2010 ATM CPA Articles – Mr. Fohlin presented two draft Community Preservation Articles, the first regarding a Agricultural Preservation for Fairfield's Farm providing for Town funds of \$62,5000 to augment \$17,500 from Williamstown Rural Lands Foundation and \$1,175,000 in state funds to purchase an APR on 117 plus or minus acres of Fairfield's Farm on Green River Road and Blair Road.

The Second CPA Article funds the operating expenses of the Community Preservation Committee, and appropriates the 10% minimum required for each of three purposes: community housing, open space and historic preservation. No Action was taken.

- 4. PETITIONER'S REQUEST:** None
- 5. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT:** See attached.
- 6. OTHER BUSINESS:** Ms. Allen congratulated Mr. Costley on his "big" swim in Australia.
- 7. ADJOURN:** Mr. Costley adjourned the meeting at 7:48 p.m. The next Selectmen Meeting is Monday, February 22, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas E. Sheldon  
Secretary

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